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Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" In view of that answer, does not the Government realize that it is merely waste of money to the poor candidates if all of them are asked to produce certificates of fitness ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" One of the qualifications required for selection of candidates is that they should be medically fit. It is for that reason that the Madras Services Commission requires a medical opinion on each candidate. "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know if the medical certificate given by any other Registered Medical Practitioner is not enough for that purpose ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" No, Sir, for the reason I have already given. "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" Is it not a fact that after once they are selected, they are asked to undergo another medical examination ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" Not in the case of most appointments. It may be necessary in the case of certain higher appointments. "

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" May I know whether Government will amend the rules so as to insist on the production of these certificates only for the final selection ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I am afraid I do not understand what the hon. Member means by ' final selection '."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" A number of candidates apply, say about 300 or 400, for the preliminary selection. Only about 200 or 300 come for final selection, and others are thrown out. My question is whether the production of certificates cannot be insisted on only in the case of those who are retained after the final selection. "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" The production of a medical certificate is insisted upon at the very beginning and not before the final selection. In fact, one of the reasons for the rejection of an application may be medical unfitness. "

Finance

Submission of the complete retrenchment proposals to the Legislative Council.

* 492 *Q.*—Dr. P. Subbarayan: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when he expects he would be able to lay before the House the complete retrenchment proposals of the Government;

(*b*) whether he will give the Council an idea of how the new retrenchment proposals will affect the budget; and

(*c*) whether he will introduce a revised budget?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It will be several months before the complete retrenchment proposals of the Government can be formulated. Meanwhile in reply to question No. 345-A I have already laid before the House the Completest possible information of the progress so far made both by the Retrenchment Committee and by Government in the matter of retrenchment.

(*c*) The Government do not consider it necessary to introduce a revised budget.

Financial position of the Province as affected by the economic depression.

* 493 *Q*.—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how and to what extent the financial position of the Presidency has been affected by the economic depression; and

(*b*) whether he intends to introduce any supplementary or additional estimates which would give the House an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the measures taken to counteract the deficit in the Budget?

A.—(*a*) A fall in revenue by about Rs. 132 lakhs is anticipated in the current year chiefly under Excise. It is not possible to say what portion of the fall is due solely to economic depression.

(*b*) It is not proposed to introduce any supplementary or additional estimates except to move demands for supplementary grants for specific items of expenditure for which the vote of the Council is necessary.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" In view of the answer given by the hon. the Finance Member, may I know what is the procedure that is going to be adopted by the Retrenchment Committee ? May I know whether the hon. Member proposes to place before the Retrenchment Committee only proposals for normal standard of expenditure which would be sufficiently covered by normal revenues so as to leave an opening balance, or a wider procedure is going to be followed ? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" A wider procedure will be followed. "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know if the hon. the Finance Member will kindly give a little more information than is available from the communique that is placed before the House regarding retrenchment proposals ? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" I should be very happy to expand the communique if the hon. Member considers it necessary. I do not understand in what direction the hon. Member wants information. "